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The University of Minnesota, Morris is developing an area of emphasis in Environmental Leadership and Stewardship. The plan could become an official minor before the end of the year.

The area of emphasis is just one component of Morris's [Sustainability Leaders for the Future program](#), which helps prepare students to play a leading role in solving environmental problems.

The Environmental Leadership and Stewardship plan includes the following topics and activities:

- Environmental Problems and Policy
- Communication and the Environment
- Political Ethics
- Environmental Public Policy
- Indigenous sovereignty and federal policy
- Service learning based on a real-world sustainability issue
- Participation in the Morris Leadership Education and Development Program ([MLEAD](#)), a
- workshop series to help students develop the leadership skills and knowledge needed in
- our multicultural society.

These areas of study and the skills they encourage will, says Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean Janet Schunk Ericksen, build on campus strengths to prepare students to lead in a carbon-constrained future.

"UMM has a nationally recognized commitment to sustainability initiatives, and our students have demonstrated their part in this in all sorts of interesting ways," says Ericksen. "The area of emphasis in Environmental Leadership and Stewardship purposefully connects those two pieces and formally acknowledges the connections between two of UMM's distinctive areas of strength."

Ericksen adds that while the program is an area of emphasis for now, with student and faculty support, it could be brought forward as a full minor next year. If so, it would become a standard part of the curriculum, "one that recognizes that political and cultural leadership as well as imaginative, cross-disciplinary thinking will be an essential part of meeting the challenges of the future."

The Sustainability Leaders for the Future program is sustained in part by a grant from Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies. To learn more about its Environmental Leadership and Stewardship component, visit morris.umn.edu/sustainability.

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